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## **Residents Score with New Sports Fields**

*Community kicks off opening of Leland Sports Field Complex*

**Event:** The much anticipated opening of the Leland Sports Field Complex is finally here. Councilmember Nancy Pyle, San José Unified School District Superintendent Don Iglesias and Area 5 Board Trustee Leslie Reynolds, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS), along with local professional sports teams, will celebrate the event with a Kick-Off Ceremony. The Kick-Off will be immediately followed by sports clinics that include representatives and players from the San José Earthquakes professional soccer team, San José SaberCats arena football team, San José Stealth lacrosse team and San José Giants minor league baseball team.

**When:** **Saturday, May 10, 2008**  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Where:** **Leland High School**  
**6677 Camden Avenue**  
San José, CA 95120

**Who:** Councilmember Nancy Pyle, District 10  
Don Iglesias, Superintendent, San José Unified School District  
Leslie Reynolds, San José Unified School District 5 Trustee  
Crystal Adams, Leland High School Associated Student Body President and  
representatives from Leland High School  
Representatives from San José professional sports teams; Earthquakes, SaberCats, Giants,  
and the Stealth  
Representatives from City of San José PRNS

**Background:** The Leland Sports Field Complex is a joint-use facility between the City of San José and the San José Unified School District. The complex, located on the grounds of Leland High School, contains two artificial turf fields, lined for soccer and lacrosse; and the Pat Tillman Stadium, which includes amenities to support community use; such as restrooms, storage and a concession area.

The City of San José has a strong tradition of partnering with local school districts to improve service deliveries to the community. This joint-use facility represents a new approach that leverages mutual assets while minimizing operational costs. The City and District look forward to utilizing this agreement as a template for future collaborations in other areas throughout the District.

Funding for the Sports Field Complex, which totaled \$5.8 million, came from the San José Unified School District Measure F Fund, Council District 10 Construction and Conveyance Tax Funds and the City's Park Trust Funds. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services will oversee the public reservation of the complex.

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